

# A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

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## NINETY AT TEA

Refurnishing the Student Lounge to make it something to be proud of—possibly by spring—was the Christmas cheer passed out to students who attended the annual deans' tea Wednesday afternoon in the Clubroom.

The announcement was made by Dean John W. Lucas, who also commended the Gateway for its new event column of coming activities, which is published in this issue. It will help students and faculty members to keep tab on coming meetings, he said.

The dean outlined the extra-curricular program of the university for next year, pointing out that basketball is already on the campus and that there is every indication that track and football will be back by 1946.

"I think it's a shame when a young man or woman goes through college without participating in some extracurricular activities," he stated. Professor Lucas also believes that students who are responsible for such activities and members of the faculty should be given a chance to get together once a year for a discussion of student activities.

Ninety people attended the fourth annual tea. Those receiving invitations were officers of organizations, the academic deans, President Haynes and members of the faculty and staff.

Miss Gertrude Kincaide and Dr. Nell Ward poured from 4 to 5, and Miss Margaret Killian and Miss Ellen Lord presided at the tea table from 5 to 6. Music was furnished by an instrumental trio composed of Willie Marie Sullenger, Ruth Petersen and Marilyn Andersen.

## Students have wide variety of plans for the Christmas vacation period

We can't say whether those far away looks the last few days are the result of "visions of sugar plums" or just the overpowering spirit of the Yuletide season—but we do know that EVERYONE (the faculty too) can hardly wait for the gong to sound tomorrow night at 9:30. That's when Christmas vacation officially begins.

As for the "students," here's how some of them expect to ply their time during the next two weeks.

Pat Roessig will spend Christmas vacation "slaving away in the Publications Office."

"I plan to study, but doubt if I do," stated Lorraine Borgeson, when asked what she planned to do during the Yuletide vacation.

It's whitewashing the basement for Phyllis Lundquist.

Joe Bova will leave Wednesday

## Patterson is named Independents Pres.

Paul Patterson has been elected president of the Independents at one of the recent meetings of the group. Other officers are—Darlene Blue, vice president; Jeanne Fallers, secretary, and Adeline Luers, treasurer. Harry Rice of the Mathematics Department and Harold Johnk of the Physical Education Department have been chosen sponsors. Patterson says the Independents' Christmas party will be held tonight in Room 102.

## ... not a creature was stirring

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It was Christmas Eve and all through the store not a creature was stirring—except the Morris Q. Mouse family under the floor. Morris' family was scurrying around making last minute Christmas preparations, and their home looked very gay with its wreaths of spinach leaves. True, it was just a hole in the floor, but it was a nice hole—it was in the best grocery store in town. Morris was lying on the floor drooling hungrily over the Kraft cheese ads.

Suddenly the family noticed that Muscles, the reckless rodent, was gone. Terror struck all their little mouse hearts. Morris bravely stated that he would go look for Muscles. He started upstairs, until he remembered that big cage mouse trap in the grocery. He ran back into the hole screaming, "I can't, I can't!"

His mother laid a soft claw on his shoulder and said, "Son, are you a man or a mouse?" That did it. Morris ate some more cheese

## Annual Christmas convocation will be presented by Women's Chorus tomorrow at 10 A. M.

### Directories here

The new Student Directories are here.

They may be secured at the ticket window opposite the Book Store and will be issued without cost to students with activity cards.

Antiphonal singing of Christmas carols will feature this year's annual Christmas convocation, which will be held tomorrow morning at 10 in the Auditorium.

There will be the traditional procession of the Women's Chorus, accompanied by Ruth Petersen, Marilyn Andersen, and Willie Marie Sullenger playing "Adeste Fidelis," followed by the Rev. George P. Bernard's invocation and the singing of Hogeman's setting of the Joyce Kilmer poem "Christmas Eve."

After Rev. Mr. Bernard reads the Christmas scripture, the Chorus, under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Kaho, will sing the following unaccompanied carols: "Shepherd's Awake," "Carol of the Birds," "Cuckoo Carol," and "Pat-a-Pan." A vocal trio, composed of Doris Jean Lausen, Marjorie Mahoney, and Marion Keller, will present Adams' "O Holy Night."

Other features on the 1945 program include the presentation of Reger's "Virgin's Slumber Song," by Beverly Bigelow, accompanied by Patsy Payne, and President Rowland Haynes' annual Christmas message.

"Calm on the Listening Ear of Night" will be sung by Marilee Logan to the accompaniment of a violin and cello obligato by Ruth Petersen and Marilyn Andersen, with Miss Sullenger at the piano.

The convocation will close with the singing of "Silent Night" by the chorus and the audience and the benediction by the Rev. Mr. Bernard. Prof. Martin Bush, head of the Music Department, and Miss Kaho were in charge of the Christmas presentation.

## The great man himself



The Gateway congratulates students, faculty and all university employees for their efforts in the final Victory Loan Drive. The university's total bond and stamp contribution amounts to \$11,465.50 of which students collected \$8,621.75.

The picture shows the O. U.

bond king—Paul Suchan—representing Phi Sigma Phi, and three admiring freshmen.

Left to right are John Duncan, Alan Pascale, and Al Wittmer. Jean Holland was in charge of the student drive, which was climaxed with a bond king crowning at a special convocation a week ago.

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## Vacation date

Christmas vacation will officially begin at 9:30 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 18. Classes resume again Wednesday, Jan. 2 at 8 a. m. This is the holiday schedule for both day and evening schools.

## A student library committee serves for the first time

Ten students, suggested by the Student Council and approved by Miss Ellen Lord, librarian, now compose a new Student Library Committee. This committee will provide publicity, display books and select browsing material to make the Library more interesting to students. The committee is also expected to facilitate student-library relations. Omaha University is one of the first institutions to use this type of committee, says Miss Lord.

Barbara Eckert, Virginia Croft, Alabelle Hunter, John Phillips, Chuck Williams, Pat Roessig, Kenneth Clinefelter, Donald Turney, Eleanor Steinman and Margaret Treadwell are those named to the group. The committee will meet bi-monthly to decide upon policies and future action.

## Fluff and Stuff

Scene . . . Christmas is in the air and along with a Christmas tree there is always mistletoe. Underneath the mistletoe one is likely to find almost anything—an old shoe, some used chewing gum, Frohardt and her Sigma Nu, Drex and his love in St. Charles, Ogden and Barker making with a big torrid romance, Winholtz and her Latin American heart-throb, and a wornout Gateway. Pacing up and down the hall is Polly whose first words to Dave upon his return will be, she admits blushing, "Mighty nice to have you home, Dave old bean." And with that she puts a huge chain and ball on the poor chap and throws him in the coal bin. And then there's Kruse who, when Bob offered his little pin, grabbed him and screamed, "At last! You're mine, all mine!"

Can you answer these? Why did the Beebe brothers pace and fondle their watches while someone tooted gaily around in their car? Who was the flashy guy seen with Roessig at the Homecoming dance? Why does Stewbird Borg—excuse please, Stewball Borg—prefer to dance with chorus girls? Who is Andre's choice now? Where was this Shrdlu last week? What love-seat was Walstrom sitting on last Saturday night? Does the fact that Cobb is home make a difference in Finch's eyes? Blurp! What did the Gamma pledges and the Alpha Sigs do at Ralston Town Hall Saturday night?

Quite a party at the Blissard house Sunday eve. Big surprise for Norberg. Present were Blissard, Johnson, Norberg, Carlson, Campbell, Burdick, Hagerman, Elmore and Neujahr.

And now for the rose of the week. A little mood music, Joe. This time it goes to Paul Suchan and the Phi Sig's for a wonderful job rounding up bond sales for the Victory Loan.

## Show war pictures

Alliance Francaise and French students were entertained Dec. 13 by moving pictures of North Africa, Italy and France. The pictures were shown by Colonel Cochran of the United States Army. The colonel took the pictures while in Africa, Italy and France, according to Prof. Gertrude Kincaide, head of the French Department.

## Student Council

By Edith Holmes

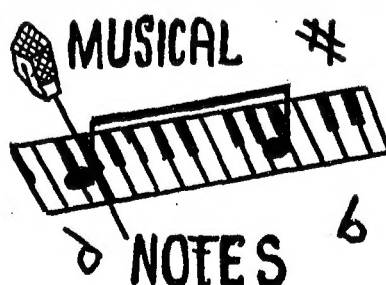
The students should be congratulated on the fine support they gave to the Victory Loan Drive. We will be able to have two gold panels on hospital beds of wounded veterans, which will say that students and faculty of Omaha University have, through their purchases of bonds, helped to make this hospital unit possible.

The Council Suggestion Box is now ready in the Book Store. We ask students to sign their names to their suggestions. This makes it possible for us to follow up suggestions and ideas with questions to the originators. Suggestions and questions often need clarifying or more detailed explanations.

We would like to hear students' ideas about the noon day movies. It is the Council's plan to have, in the future, more feature movies with Hollywood stars, plus cartoons, and, if possible, color movies taken of the university.

A committee has been appointed to look into the possibility of card playing in the Lounge and Cafeteria, and, if possible, in rooms set aside for that purpose. Since card playing has led, in the past, to promiscuous gambling, it may seem advisable to continue the present policy of the university. However, if enough students really wish for a game of bridge after lunch or during other free time, it may be possible to establish a new policy.

Our subscriptions to the magazines you read in the Lounge, Time, Life, Collier's, Saturday Evening Post, Mademoiselle, and the World-Herald, are being renewed, and the publications will be placed in heavy covers. Needless to say, they will be much easier to read if they are kept all in one piece.



By MARION KELLER

Bobby Byrne's orchestra had little chance to do anything except play background music for the numerous acts and singers at the Orpheum last week. Bryne's two vocalists are all right, but neither of them has any originality. The band has a loud brass section and a flashy drummer. Their arrangement of "Begin the Beguine" was sad, but "Honey-suckle Rose" was rather unusual.

A unique version of Chopin's "Minute Waltz" by Sonny Wellman, pianist, was one of the better spots in the show. The vocal arrangements, such as "Symphony," were well done. The King Sisters turned out to have excellent showmanship but little else. They did "Gotta Be This or That" and "Till the End of Time"; encores were "Personality" and "I Said No," which they sang in a racy manner. Their blend was good, and their arrangements were clever.

Ozzie Clarke—at the Music Box—has one of those "nice" bands. It's a pretty commercial organization, but Ozzie uses some interesting effects, and apparently, the band is well rehearsed. Arrangements of old favorites are different, if not knocked out. Music like this is good for dancing as it doesn't detract from what you are doing. Betty Byrnes, vocalist, has a nice delivery, but her style lacks imagination and personality. From the Box, this band will go to Wichita where they'll have a coast-to-coast radio hook-up; so it looks as though Clarke and his boys may be hitting the big-time soon.

## the totem poll

Yes—the spirit of Christmas is really here—ask Andy, who knows. We have been watching with glee the antics of a few of you froshie merry-makers who are unaccustomed to the timeless tradition of the last DAZE of school during the holi-DAZE. If you haven't found out what this is yet, ask one of your honorable and distinguished upperclass friends.

Scene in the cafe: ARTIE, recuperating from the week-end . . . ZENTZ, figuring out the street car schedules . . . your columnist begging for scraps of news . . . MRS. CHEW, selling the daily 300 boxes of milk with the warning, "YOU'LL GET FAT!" . . . all of us, talking lots 'n' lots about that team of ours . . . JEANIE NELSON, blinking those yard-long lashes with no apparent effort . . . YOU, and we were watching YOU all the time!

KWESTION KORNER: And now that we have told you some little morsels—turn about is fair play—and it's your turn! WHO is the little fella in your class who recently climbed the Christmas tree shouting "A-A-A-I-A-I—" and WHY is it that the gals at 24th 'n' N Streets were so unobservant and uncooperative? WHO is the blonde who has JACK MEISEL standing in the corner unobtrusively flapping his ears? WHAT happened to all the mistle-toe? WHAT freshie with the nishals of ANN MAHER recently tried to help the transportation system by dropping her books as she got off a crowded street car?

Congrats to the BOND KING. WE are really proud of you, GEORGE, PAUL, JOHNNIE, BILL!—and here's a big fat out-of-season dandelion for all of you who helped to put the drive over.

## Thompson gives report

Dean W. H. Thompson of the Arts College discussed the Harvard report at the Phi Delta Kappa meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday. The report is a result of research on liberal education by Harvard faculty members.

## NEW FEATURE

The Gateway is beginning a new "event column" with this edition of the paper. In this column will be listed all the events which will happen at the university during the coming week—the time of these meetings and the place. If your meeting or party is not listed, then perhaps you've failed to make application with the proper authorities. Students can make this column of real service by seeing that their meetings have been properly recorded each week in time for Gateway publication. The publication deadline is Wednesday

## Cheer leading - is it out of fashion?

(ACP) — "Perhaps the ancient and honorable profession of cheer-leading is going out of fashion. The student body may be growing up." This was the statement made by Dr. Delbert Oberteuffer, men's physical education department at the University of Ohio, concerning the controversy over the subject of student cheering at football games. Dr. Oberteuffer believes that there are two important things wrong with cheer-leading and organized cheering in general. In the first place, people can't become enthusiastic and cheer just because they are told or asked to do so. Cheerleading creates a synthetic atmosphere and enthusiasm, he maintained.

As his second point, Dr. Oberteuffer cited the lack of courtesy inherent in the idea of rooting against the visitors. He questioned the fact that organized cheering improved the home team's play, saying that if appreciation is to be shown to a player for his ability it should be expressed by wholehearted, spontaneous cheering or personal compliments after the game.

## KU Chancellor is handy with the rag

(ACP) — Water sprayed generously and students ducked in front of Frank Strong hall, as Chancellor Deane W. Malott and Dean Paul B. Lawson of the University of Kansas fulfilled their obligation to wash a car. The services of the two administrators were purchased by the Alpha Omicron Pi for \$65 at a recent W.S.S.F. auction. The chancellor and the dean donned bright plaid shirts and blue jeans for their work and succeeded in getting each other as wet as the car.

"No, no, no!" the pair cried, when a passing student suggested that they wax the car. "I'll be glad to simonize it," the chancellor reconsidered, "—for \$300."

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# Omaha squad is defeated in first game

## Nebraska Wesleyan wins by 59 to 22

Inexperience and the eligibility bugaboo combined to snow under Omaha's Indians in their opening game against a rugged Nebraska Wesleyan team Tuesday night at Lincoln. When the bell rang, the score was 59 to 22.

Yes—experience is the answer to Wesleyan's big margin of victory. The Lincoln cagers were not only older on the average but they also had one game under their belts.

The winners sprang into an early lead on a pair of gift tosses by Brownie Miller and George Bettger. Bettger scored the home team's first field goal on a beautiful one hand side shot.

Omaha began dropping out of reach midway in the second period when Bill French and Bob Paap started connecting with one hand shots. Indian center Al Wittmer was the only offensive spark the O. U. five offered during the first half. He was able to collect six points.

Wesleyan ran the Indian's man to man defense ragged throughout the second half. Johnk and Company just couldn't penetrate Wesleyan's defense and had to be content with shots from outside the free throw circle.

Substitutes were used freely by Wesleyan throughout the last half as the home team piled up its winning margin. But it didn't seem to make much difference. Statistics show that Omaha scored only 11 points the last half—the same as the first.

Coach Harold Johnk selected Al Wittmer, John Duncan, game captain Dick Polenske, Vern Shiers and Ced Bloom as the starting five. Wittmer led O. U. with 10 points. Duncan followed with nine, and Polenske, Shiers and Bloom each scored one gift toss. Paap led the winners with 13 points.

## Inexperience and lack of practice hurts squad

Although the Creighton-Omaha game Friday night is now a matter of history, sports writer Al Wittmer's pre-game commentary should be of interest to O. U. students. Wittmer, by the way, was top scorer in the opening game with Wesleyan Dec. 11.

Says Wittmer—"It's no secret that the Indian squad is crowded with inexperienced players, a situation that is quite the opposite with Creighton. Take for instance Subby Salerno, all city and all state performer on the Junior

## New class schedule

The Philosophy Department is going in for a new wrinkle on a bigger scale the second semester. The classes in History of Philosophy, Utopias and Philosophy of Science will meet the second term once each week for three hour sessions instead of the traditional one hour lectures three times a week. Dr. Wilfred Payne, chairman of the humanities, says the idea is not entirely new as it was tried on one course the present semester.

Blues; Bill Harvey, 6 foot 4 inch center, who also won two Prep varsity basketball letters; Jerry Caveny, highly touted all stater from Wyoming; Ernest Flecky, one of the high scoring men in the Creighton practice sessions, and Tom Belford (no relation to Duce). Belford is 5 feet 11 inches and is the smallest member of the team. He has averaged 12 points per game.

"Another point to consider is the amount of practice for each team. The Jays have been rehearsing for almost two months. The O. U. squad, however, jumped into competition with only two weeks of rehearsing. After all, this does make a difference," says Wittmer.

## SAE will offer new night courses

Several new courses will be offered next semester by the School of Adult Education, according to Everett M. Hosman, director.

Among the new ones listed are real estate appraising, Audio-Visual Aids in Education, Radio Production, Speech for Business and Industry, Radio Speech, Handcrafts, Art of Entertaining, Fashion Design and Illustration, Silver and Pewter Jewelry, Planning the Vacation, Discussion Leadership and Recreational Leadership.

Prof. Martin W. Bush, head of the Department of Music, has announced that he will offer a second series of the course Listening to Music.

Night students will register Jan. 24, 25 and 26.

There will be a General Assembly Jan. 23, at 11 a. m., for all new day students. Physical examinations will be given Jan. 23 and 24, with registration slated for Jan. 25. Second semester classes for day and evening students will begin Jan. 28.

Students who have attended the university one or more semesters will register from Jan. 7 to 16.

## Eligibility slaps at Omaha U's Indians

Eligibility rules struck hard at the Indians last week.

Chief victims are Ed Kirby and Charley Amidon, only returning lettermen from the '42-'43 team, and Dick Hines, a promising prospect.

The next game will be played at Doane. Coach Harold Johnk said he probably will take ten men on the trip. The captain for the Doane game will be announced later.

School officials said that a return game with Creighton has been scheduled for Febr. 23 on the Tech floor.

In spite of the first week's results, Johnk is not at all downhearted. "We'll improve each week," he said. "After all, the Wesleyan game was the first game—high school or college—for Bill Bruning, Bill Knuckles, Willis Brown and Sam Warnock.

## Glenn L. Martin is alumni life member

Thirty former students, among them Glenn L. Martin, president of the Glenn L. Martin Co. of Baltimore, have become life members of Omaha University's Alumni Association, says Sherman Hansen, assistant to the secretary, Mrs. Olga Strimple. Officials in the Alumni office have been working to bring the files of members up to date.

## Sed Hartman now back in the city

Sed Hartman, looking fit and happy, returned home Wednesday. Head coach at Omaha University for several years, Hartman has now been discharged from the Navy with the reserve rank of lieutenant commander.

Right now his chief worry—(and he doesn't know how much worry it is)—is to find a house. Hartman's return brings the men's Athletic Department up to the two man par of 1942. Harold Johnk was discharged from the Navy several weeks ago and has been directing the destinies of the basketball team. Emil Engelbretson is serving as part-time assistant in physical education.

## Badminton tourney

Entries for badminton games are being completed this week, which means that tournaments will begin shortly, says Phyllis Burgess, intramural badminton head. Some of the outstanding prospects are Josephine Bower, Phyllis Burgess, Ardine Thompson, Ardath Roesky, Jewell Miller, Sherry Kramer, Mae Okura, Marjorie Sawtelle, Helen Pecha, Norma Brandt and Shirley Melcher.

## New course changes

The Radio Speaking course will be expanded to the standard length of 3 hours next semester, says C. Loyd Shubert, debate coach and chairman of the Speech Department. The title of Business Speech will be changed to Functional Business Speech and will be offered in both day and night classes.

## EVENTS TO COME

### Monday, Dec. 17:

Swedish class dinner party, 6:30 p. m., Clubroom.  
Fellowship club meeting, 4:45-7 p. m., Room 100.  
Faculty of Arts College, 4 p. m., Room 209.  
Independents Christmas party, 4-5:30 p. m., Room 102.  
University Players presentation, 12-1 p. m., Auditorium.

### Tuesday, Dec. 18:

Christmas Convocation, 10 a. m., Auditorium.

Extension Council meeting, 5 p. m., Room 100.  
Intersorority Council business meeting, 3-4 p. m., Room 318.

### Wednesday, Dec. 19:

Phi Omega Pi Christmas caroling, 7 to 10 p. m.

### Thursday, December 20:

Gamma Sigma Omicron Christmas party, 7:30-11 p. m., Omaha Woman's club.

### Sunday, Dec. 30:

Phi Delta Psi tea, 2-6 p. m., home of Virginia Vlack.

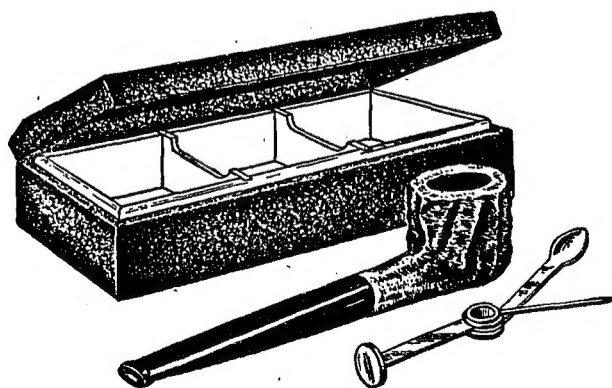
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## Santa-visits WAA Christmas party

Good old Santa Claus (Roberta Muir), armed with plenty of bubble bath and bath salt packages, made everyone happy at the annual WAA Christmas party Thursday evening in the Clubroom. Jessie Rodman led the group in the singing of carols, and two skits were presented by Miss Muir, Vivian Rasmussen and Pan Crözier. To keep their wits sharp, members engaged in a quiz on sports. Tables were decorated with small logs, miniature Saint Nicks and red candles. The lights—well, there weren't any except those on the Christmas tree and the light from the fireplace.

## Vacation Plans

(Continued from Page One)

Vern Shires will motor with his parents to Los Angeles, where he will visit his brother who is stationed at San Diego with the Navy.

Jackie McMahl will attend a family gathering in Iowa.

Malcolm Foster intends to "do nothing, because I'm tired."

Miriam Kvetensky will work at a Iowa town store.

Gerald Hoover plans to make a high chair for his cousin's doll and a serving tray for his mother.

Ed Kirby will referee several basketball games during Christmas vacation, although he plans to spend most of his time sleeping.

Freshman Al Wittmer intends to secure part-time employment in the Post Office.

"Carrying mail," says the industrious Fred Freelin.

Dave Elmore—"Since this is going to be my last Christmas at home before the Navy takes me, I'm going to have some real fun before I leave. I think I'll appreciate Christmas more this year than ever before."

Evie Norberg—"Frank's home now. What more need I say?"

Betty Davis reports that she is going to spend her vacation "sleeping all day and howling all night." The rest of the time she will complete a correspondence course in Ethics.

Holly Lou Turney will work at the telephone office.



## Many attend annual Home Ec Tea

At the tea table, left to right, Erma Grace Fuller, Mary Andre, Helen Pecha, Beverly Freelin, Miss Margaret Killian and Dorothy Ebinger.

Under the sponsorship of Miss Margaret Killian, chairman of the

Department of Home Economics, students in foods classes gave a Christmas tea Tuesday afternoon in the Clubroom for students, their mothers and members of the faculty. Presiding at the tables

were Mrs. Clifford Gatenby, Mrs. Carl Helmstadter, Mrs. W. H. Thompson and Mrs. Mary Padou-Young. Poinsettias and evergreen decorated the tables. The room was lighted with red tapers.

## Milk is favorite

Madison, Wis. (ACP)—University of Wisconsin students, eating in dormitories and campus eating places, may consume "cokes" by the gallon in between meal snacks, but when it comes to eating for nutrition, milk is the favorite over every other beverage. A study of campus eating places shows that the Cafeteria serves nearly 2,000 meals a day. During the average day, 1,140 glasses of milk are sold, as compared to 430 cups of coffee. In round numbers this is 19 glasses of milk to every seven cups of coffee . . . nearly three to one. Some also take both milk and coffee, or more than one glass of milk.

## 'Dust of the Road' today

Today, from 11 to 12, "Dust of the Road" will again be presented by the University Players in the Auditorium. Bud Rispler will play the part of Peter, LaVerne Sweigard the Old Man, Don Turney the Tramp, and Joan Sorensen,

Prudence. Susan Kirkland will direct the performance. Friday's performance was presented under the direction of John Kirkland. The cast was the same as it is for today's performance with the exception of George Reid, who portrayed the Tramp.

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